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On May 20, 2003

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

BARRY et al.

Application No.: 09/888,320

Filed: June 22, 2001

For: METHODS OF DIAGNOSING  
MULTIDRUG RESISTANT  
TUBERCULOSIS

Examiner: Sakelaris, Sally

Art Unit: 1634

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2002 (the "Action"). A petition for an extension of time and the appropriate fees accompany this Amendment.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete paragraph [30] and insert in its place: